

... The troublesome relationship concerning payment of fees and bills is largely eliminated, as the physician is concerned only with the patient's sickness. The business manager must look after all else." What has become of the humanitarian spirit in the practice of medicine, the cherished inheritance of the ages, when physicians announce in the daily press that hereafter they will be so occupied in caring for the physical welfare of their patients that they have turned over to a business agent all business matters, such as all charges, fees and bills, and then incidentally mention in the same announcement that patients will please see the business manager before making an appointment with the doctor? This is prostituting an altruistic profession to plain, outright commercialism. What a mockery are the principles of ethics when physicians pledged to support and follow them deliberately and openly trample them in the dirt. If the medical profession is to save itself from everlasting disgrace, something will have to be done to prevent its degenerating into vulgar commercialism by way of newspaper advertising and similar methods.—M. L. Harris, M. D., in Journal A. M. A.

MEDICAL ECONOMICS

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St. Luke's Thyroid Commission—St. Luke's Hospital announces the formation of a thyroid commission, composed of an internist, a metabolist, a surgeon, and a roentgenologist. The commission is thoroughly equipped for the intensive study of patients suffering with thyroid dyscrasias. After correlation of its clinical and laboratory findings, the commission's function will be to suggest in detail an individual course of therapy to be followed out under the direction of the referring physician or to personally undertake, with frequent metabolic controls, such a course on behalf of the referring physician. While clearly recognizing the surgical indications in thyroid conditions, it will be the policy of the commission to regard surgical intervention as, in general, to be resorted to only after medical and radio-therapeutic measures have, in toxic cases, failed to control the toxemia. Correspondence from physicians is solicited. Communications should be addressed to the secretary of the Thyroid Commission, St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco.

Home-School for Children in the Country—Physicians with children under their care who would be benefited by living in the country in a real home, where they can be in the open air day and night and have home cooking adapted to their particular needs, will be interested in the advertisement of "Quiet Hills," in the classified section of this issue of the Journal. In addition to being a real home, school work is carried on under competent teachers. The owner is known to many of the physicians in Santa Clara County, whom she offers as reference. The school is located in the hills near Los Gatos; telephone 386R.

New Locations of R. L. Scherer & Co.—This firm, dealing in hospital equipment, supplies, surgical instruments and furniture, announces in this issue of the Journal new locations, at 679 Sutter street, San Francisco, and 736 South Flower street, Los Angeles, with enlarged service departments, improved delivery and shipping facilities, enabling them the better to carry out their slogan, "Scherer for Service."

The Journal feels particularly fortunate in being able to carry the advertising of this and other houses on whom our members may rely when needing surgical supplies, such as Reid Bros., San Francisco, with their own factory; Bischoff Surgical House,

San Francisco and Oakland; Richter & Druhe, San Francisco; Travers Surgical Co., San Francisco; Keniston & Root, Sacramento and Los Angeles; Walters Surgical Co., San Francisco. Consult them before buying.

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NEW MEMBERS

Los Angeles—Annis, A. J.; Berman, Phoebe; Garland, James A.; Kersten, Hugo M.; Allen, Joseph R.; Furusawa, Takashi; Goodwin, Joshua; Huston, James M.; Rhodes, Frederick A.; Smith, Frank E.
Long Beach—Walker, Wade H.; Boyd, Truman O.

Hermosa Beach—Schmid, C. F.

Ahwahnee—Seward, Lee S.

Burlingame—Hanner, John W.; Callaway, William Otis.

San Jose—Porter, Edwin E.; Draper, David.

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Blood, John N., Tulare County to San Mateo County.

Clattenburg, H. A., Sacramento County to San Mateo County.

DEATHS

Brooks, Stephen D. Died at Los Angeles, July 4, 1923, age 69. Graduate of the Medical School of Harvard University, 1882. Licensed in California in 1918. He was formerly a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Duncan, Arthur McDowell. Died at Glendale, July 10, 1923, age 73. Graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, 1878, and spent some time in post-graduate work in Chicago, New York, and the hospitals of London and Edinburgh. He was licensed in California in 1904 and practiced in Los Angeles and Glendale to the time of his death. Duncan was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Peck, John William. Died at Berkeley in July, age 51. He was a graduate of the University of California Medical School, 1905. Peck was a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Sherry, Henry. Died at Pasadena, July 14, 1923, age 69. Graduate of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College in 1880. Licensed in California in 1895. He was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.